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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Environment

Office of the Secretary (Environment)

Notification

No. 9-4-98-STE-DIR

Whereas it has been made to appear to the Government of Goa that the industrial unit "Meta Strips Ltd." under the establishment at Sancoale Industrial Estate, manufacturing process and environment pollution control system envisaged in the said project, created tremendous amount of public resistance;

And whereas the Government of Goa is of the opinion that there should be an inquiry into this matter of public importance;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by section 3 of Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act No. 60 of 1952), the Government of Goa hereby appoints His Lordship Justice R. J. Sindhakar, retired Judge of Bombay High Court, Mumbai, to be Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making inquiry and submitting his report before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this Notification under the following terms of reference namely:—

- (a) To study all aspects of pollution - air, water and soil and whether necessary steps are being taken/have been taken in accordance with established rules and regulations pertaining to environmental protection.

- (b) To study whether the process/product/raw material cause any health hazards by virtue of their natural/usage/storage.
- (c) To study whether the consumption of power and water by the company will adversely affect power and water supply of the State and thus the interests of the people of the State.
- (d) To study the method/means of storage/disposal of raw material/by-product such as PVC.
- (e) To make a comparative study of the project report of Nasik Wires Limited and Meta Strips Limited in order to establish whether any fundamental changes in power/product/raw material were made.
- (f) To study whether Meta Strips Limited Project has been cleared by the Goa State Pollution Control Board and whether the project study/survey was done by Goa State Pollution Control Board before giving clearance to Meta Strips Limited.
- (g) Examine the incident of alleged assault on judiciary on 7th September, 1999 and events leading to the same and identify those responsible.
- (h) Hold public hearing on the project to ascertain the issues raised by various organisations with reference to technical aspects.

This Order supersedes the Government Order No. 9-4-98-STE-DIR/831 dated 26-8-1999.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Rakesh Mehta, Secretary (Environment).

Panaji, 4th October, 1999.